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**In the Specification**

Please replace page 15, lines 7-24 with the following:

--The schema module 104 is provided as an interface with the node factory 102. Schema modules can be built for each and every particular type of schema that might be expected to be received by the server. Thus, each schema module that might be built is specialized for handling one particular type of schema (or a plurality of similar schemas). The schema module knows the particular processing requirements of its associated schema, the rules that are associated with a particular schema's structure and what is necessary in order for the schema to be properly processed by the server so that an appropriate response can be returned to the client. If any of the rules for a particular schema are violated, the schema module can take appropriate action. In this example, an appropriate action might be to ignore the information that is erroneous to, and not understood by the